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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAZUYUKI KURODA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/478,884

Filed: January 7, 2000

For: MESOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS,
SILICA MESOSTRUCTURED
MATERIALS, PREPARATION
METHODS THEREOF AND
CONTROL METHOD OF
MESOPORE ORIENTATION

Examiner: C. Simone

Group Art Unit: 1772

April 9, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002 for one month from March 13, 2003 to April 13, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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